



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: J. HEARN et al.

Group Art Unit: 3751

Application No.: 09/910,720

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Examiner: A. Ramana

For: CRANIAL FLAP CLAMP AND
INSTRUMENT FOR USE
THEREWITH

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-177-999

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-16. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement, however, as all claims presently in the application are directed to the cranial clamp art. As such, one search would cover the subject matter of all the claims. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to protect claims of Group II or other disclosed, but unclaimed, subject matter.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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